(b) No such assistance is provided by the Government and, hence the question does not arise.

Misappropriation of Funds out of the Capital invested by Government in NAFED

702. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) The capital invested by Government directly or through NCDC in NAFED by way of share capital, loan assistance and subsidy;

(b) whether Government are aware that the Auditors have reported instances of misappropriation of funds by appropriating inadmissible expenditure under the staff welfare accounts head during 1985-86;

(c) if so, the detals thereof and the amount involved therein;

(d) whether Government propose to take preventive steps to stop the practice of misappropriation of funds; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) had provided total assistance of Rs. 966.97 lakhs to NAFED comprising of Rs. 885.26 lakhs as loan, Rs. 40.00 lakhs as share capital and Rs. 41.71 lakhs as subsidy up to 30th June, 1986. Government had invested in amount of Rs. 18.00 lakhs as share capital and Rs. 510.90 lakhs as loan as on 30th June, 1986. NAFED is the Central Nodal Agency for price support operations undertaken in collaboration with the State designed Agencies for which cent percent losses are met by the Government in case of oilseeds. Central Government gives on account advances to NAFED to meet losses an as on 30th June, 1986 such advances stood at Rs. 204.93 lakhs.

(b) The Audit observations for the year 1985-86 do not point out any misappropriation of funds by appropriating in admissible expenditure under Staff Welfare Account Head. NAFED books the expenditure under various Heads in accordance with the definition given in NAFED's Accounting Manual. The General Body of NAFED which met on 12-3.1987 considered the Audit Report.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Irrigation in Orissa

703. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the area of land brought under irrigation in the years 1985 and 1986 and proposed to be brought under irrigation during 1987-88 in Orissa in general and Kalahandi, Balangir, Phulabani and Mayurbhanj districts in particular;

(b) the details of financial assistance to be given for the areas proposed to be brought under irrigation during the year 1987-88; and

(c) the total amount allocated and spent in the years 1985 and 1986 in the aforesaid districts?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) During the years 1985-86 and 1986-87, an additional area of about 92 th. ha. was brought under irrigation in Orissa (anticipated). The target for 1987-88 is 67.50 th. ha. District-wise details are not maintained at the Centre.

(b) No special financial assistance is given. Central assistance is given in the form of bloc loans and grants and is not tied to any scheme or sector of development. The agreed Plan outlay for major, medium and minor irrigation projects in Orissa for 1987-88 is Rs. 185.38 crroes.

(c) The total approved outlay for major-medium and minor irrigation schemes in Orissa for two years of 1985-86 and 1986-87 were Rs. 246.70 crores. The anticipated expenditure

during the same period is Rs. 247.70 crores.

Impact of delayed Monsoon on Drinking Water and Agriculture Operation

704. SHRI SURESH KALWADI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the delay in the onset of monsoon is causing worry in various States, particularly in northern India;

(b) if so, he details of the affected States and the prevailing water shortage and drought conditions as a result thereof;

(c) the measures being taken by Government to face this situation; and

(d) the impact of the situation on drinking water and agricultural operations during the current season?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Due to erratic behaviour of the South-West monsoon this year, the States of Rajasthan, Gujarat; Tamil Nadu; U.P.; Madhya Pradesh and Union Territory of Pondicherry have reported drought conditions so far.

(c) The concerned State Governments take up the necessary steps to combat the situation arising out of the drought conditions as per established procedure. Government of India only supplement the tfforts of the State Government to tackle the situation effectively. Ministry of Agriculture has requested the State Governments to give highest priority to the provision of electricity and diesel to operate agriculture pump sets. A Special Conference was held on 28-7-1987 by Ministry of Agriculture to chalk out further course of action to make the best use of available moisture and to review the situation. It was decided that the State Governments would apply their contingency plan for sowing alternate short duration crops in areas affected by delayed rains.

(d) It is too early to assess the impact of the behaviour of the current monsoon on drinking water situation and agricultural operations.

Representation of Farmers in the ACPC

705. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have enlarged and restructured the Agricultural Costs and Prices Commission for increasing its members from 4 to 7, so as to have 3 non-official members; and

(b) if so, whose representatives are these 3 non-official members?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The appointment of Non-Official Members is under the consideration of the Government.

National Watershed Development Programme

706. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether Government have sponsored a scheme of National Watershed Development Programme for rain-fed Agriculture, for development of dryland farming in the country; if so, the Statewise progress made so far under this scheme and the benefits derived by small and marginal farmers; specially?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): Yes, Sir. In order to supplement the